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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of these documents (CHECK ONE):

____ are enclosed herewith; or

X are in the file of related application Serial No. 09/574,896, filed on May 19, 2000, and, therefore, are not provided in this application, with the exception of the six (6) citations listed below:

Son et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,647,859
Clarke-Sturman et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,900,457
Loftin et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,536,297

GB 1549734 03/24/76 UK
EP 0068189 06/08/82 EPO, which is written in the German language (an English language abstract is enclosed).

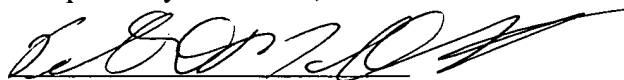
"Recommended Practice Standard Procedure for Field Testing Water-Based Drilling Fluids" API Recommended Practice 13B-1 (RP 13B-1), First Edition June 1, 1990 (American National Standard, ANSI/API RP 13B-1-90, Approved July 12, 1993).

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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	USSN 10/120,919 filed 04/11/02 (Miller et al.)
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